

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A connector, comprising:

a first housing, provided with a projection;

a second housing, provided with a retainer which is operable to engage the projection of the first housing;

an engagement detector, held in the second housing and slidable between a first position and a second position; and

a lock canceller, which is operable to disengage the retainer from the projection only when the engagement detector is placed at the first position,

wherein:

the retainer prevents the engagement detector from sliding from the first position to the second position except when the projection and the retainer are completely engaged with each other at a complete engagement position;

the engagement detector locks the retainer at the complete engagement position when the engagement detector is placed at the second position; and

the engagement detector and the retainer are moved to a third position at which the engagement detector is allowed to be forcibly moved to the first position, is still locked at the complete engagement position by the engagement detector in a case where the lock canceller is manipulated when the engagement detector is placed at the second position.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Original): The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second housing includes a cover portion which covers the complete engagement position.

5. (Original): The connector as set forth in claim 4, wherein the cover portion is formed with a notch which allows the engagement detector to move therein.

6. (Previously presented): The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second housing further comprises a stopper which limits the range of movement of the lock canceller.

7. (Previously presented): The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein the lock canceller comprises a stopper which limits the range of movement of the lock canceller.